

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.79

Dated:02.02.2022.

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G.O.Ms.No.41, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Department, dated:02.02.2022.

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ORDER :

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the G.O. read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. K.Usha Rani, Senior Assistant (I/C. Sub-Registrar), O/o Sub-Registrar, Nuzividu, Krishna District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the said Rules.

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2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Smt. K.Usha Rani, Senior Assistant (I/C. Sub-Registrar), O/o Sub-Registrar, Nuzividu, Krishna District is directed to submit within ten days of the receipt of this Order a written statement of her defence.

4. Smt. K.Usha Rani, Senior Assistant (I/C. Sub-Registrar), O/o Sub-Registrar, Nuzividu, Krishna District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. K.Usha Rani, Senior Assistant (I/C. Sub-Registrar), O/o Sub-Registrar, Nuzividu, Krishna District is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 2 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex-parte.

6. Attention of Smt. K.Usha Rani, Senior Assistant (I/C. Sub-Registrar), O/o Sub-Registrar, Nuzividu, Krishna District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that she is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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To

Smt. K.Usha Rani, Senior Assistant (I/C. Sub-Registrar), O/o Sub-Registrar, Nuzvidu, Krishna District (Enclosed Annexures I to III) through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government)

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, AP.Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi, Guntur District.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administrative Block, 2nd Floor, Vijayawada.

The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada.

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That Smt. Kochcharlakota Usha Rani, D/o Movva Chalapatni Rao, 49 years, Senior Asst. (I/C Sub-Registrar) O/o the Sub-Registrar, Nuzvidu, Krishna District and joined in Government Service on 12-02-2001 as a Junior Assistant, subsequently she was promoted as Senior Assistant on 11-06-2013 and working at the Office of the Joint Sub Registrar, Nuzvid Krishna District while functioning as aforesaid capacity on 19-11-2018 and committed grave misconduct in as much as :

CHARGE: I

That Smt. Kochcharlakota Usha Rani, Senior Assistant, un-authorizedly allowed the Document Writers-cum-brokers in to the premises of the Sub-Registrar Office on 19-11-2018 and facilitated them to collect bribes on behalf of her and the staff of the Sub Registrar office, Nuzvid, Krishna District.

CHARGE: II

That on the date of surprise check i.e. 19-11-2018 Smt. Kochcharlakota Usha Rani, Senior Assistant I/C Sub-Registrar in collusion with the remaining staff i.e., Smt Maddala Manjula Jr.Asst, Sri Sri Ramanendu Jr.Asst and Smt Boddu Vijaya Mery Office sub ordinate facilitated the Private Persons i.e., Document Writers-cum-Brokers to collect illegal bribe amount of Rs.47,500/- on their behalf from the parties inside the Sub Registrar office, Nuzvid, Krishna District who came for their Registration work etc.,

Thus Smt. Kochcharlakota Usha Rani, D/o Movva Chalapathi Rao, 49 years Senior Asst. (I/C Sub-Registrar) by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3 (1) & 3 (2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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That Smt Kochcharlakota Usha Rani D/o Movva Chalapathi Rao, Senior Asst. (I/C Sub-Registrar) O/o the Joint Sub-Registrar, Nuzvidu, Krishna District. Her date of birth is 01-07-1971. She entered into Government service on 12-02-2001 as Junior Assistant. She worked in the same capacity from 12-01-2001 to 20-06-2011. Subsequently she was promoted as Senior Assistant on 11-06-2013. She worked as Senior Assistant in the O/o the Joint Sub-Registrar, Nuzvidu, Krishna District from 11-06-2013 to till date of Surprise Check i.e. 19-11-2018. Her Basic pay is Rs.32,340/-. She is due for retirement on attaining the age of superannuation on 30-06-2031. She is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant-1.

CHARGE: I

That Government Servant Smt. Kochcharlakota Usha Rani, Senior Assistant, unauthorizedly allowed the Document Writers-cum-brokers in to the premises of the Sub-Registrar Office on 19-11-2018 and facilitated them to collect bribes on behalf of her and the staff of the Sub Registrar office, Nuzvid, Krishna District.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

On credible information that a Surprise Check was conducted on the office of the Joint Sub-Registrar, Registration & Stamps Department, Nuzvid, Krishna District from 16.50 hours to 20.15 hours on 19-11-2018 in the presence of Mediators.

1. Sri Bhavanam Venkateswara Reddy, S/o Nagi reddy, 44 yrs, Asst Divisional Engineer, District stores, APSPDCL, Gunadala, Vijayawada. R/o D.No:48-9-3, Vishnu Nagar, Gunadala, Vijayawada.
2. Sri Illapogu Gopi Nath, S/o Peraiah, 24 yrs, Jr Asst, O/o Supdt of Engineer, Operation, APSPDCL, Gunadala, Vijayawada. R/o D.No:9-17/1, Muppala Village, Chndarlapadu Mandal, Krishna Dist.

On the date of Surprise Check i.e. on 19-11-2018 the search party visited the Joint Sub-Registrar Office, Nuzvidu, Krishna Dist at about 16.30 hrs and the Surprise Check conducted at 16.50 hrs and after entering into the Sub Registrar Office the search party noticed Six persons with some papers in their hands at the threshold of entrance of the Sub Registrar Office and chatting with each other and secure the said Six persons standing at the entrance and the Inspector-5 and other ACB Team disclosed their identity to the said Six persons and they ascertained their names as follows:

1. Sri Khan Wazeed S/o Vahadullah khan, 44 years, Muslim, occ: Document Writer, R/o near RTC bus stand (Banginapalli thota), Nuzvidu Krishna District.
2. Sri Urakaranam Venkata Ramana Murthy S/o Venkata Appa Rao, 47 Years, Brahmin occ: Document Writer, Meerjapuram, Nuzvidu, Krishna District.
3. Sri Ayyanki Ravikumar S/o Ramulu, 38 years, Madiga, occ: Document Writer, Shobanapuram, Agiripalli Mandal, Krishna District.
4. Sri Poorna Suryaprakasa Rao S/o Kutumba Rao, 65 Years, Brahmin, occ: Document Writer, Seethanagaram, Tadepalli mandal, Guntur District.
5. Sri Katrenipati Venkateswara Rao S/o Nageswara Rao, 30 Years, Kapu, occ: Document Writer, Krishna Rao Palem, near cheemalapadu, A.Konduru Mandal, Krishna District.
6. Sri Mohammed Ali Abbas S/o late Mohammed Ali, 50 years, Muslim, occ: Document Writer, Door No.18-41, Ammavari thota, Nuzvidu, Krishna District.

Office, Nuzvidu. The Sub Registrar Office, Nuzvidu and their staff are insisting the Document Writers to collect excess amount as bribe from the Claimants on the Document Value for registration and accordingly on their instructions, the amount is being collected by him and same is being handed over to the Sub Registrar and to their staff, after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 19-11-2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the I/c Sub Registrar and her staff which was collected from 16-11-2018 till date and was chatting with 5 other Document Writers in front of the Sub Registrar office at the time of the raid. Further at the request of the Inspector-5, he produced Rs.11,500/- and the Inspector-5 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.

2. **Sri Urakaranam Venkata Ramana Murthy:** - On examination he stated that he is a Document Writer for 5 years and he gets registered 1 or 2 Documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Nuzvidu. The Sub-Registrar Office, Nuzvidu and their staff are insisting the Document Writers to collect excess amount as bribe from the Claimants on the Document Value for registration and accordingly on their instructions, the amount is being collected by him and the same is being handed over to the Sub Registrar and to their staff after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 19-11- 2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the I/c Sub Registrar and her staff which was collected from 16-11-2018 till date when he was chatting with 5 other Document Writers in front of the Sub Registrar office the raid took place. Further at the request of the Inspector-5, he produced Rs.12,040/- and the Inspector-5 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.
3. **Sri Ayyanki Ravikumar:** On examination he stated that he is a Document Writer for 2 years and he gets registered 1 or 2 Documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Nuzvidu. The Sub Registrar Office, Nuzvidu and their staff are insisting the Document Writers to collect excess amount as bribe from the Claimants on the Document Value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him on their instructions and same is being handed over to Sub Registrar and to their staff, after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 19-11-2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the I/c Sub Registrar and her staff which was collected from 16-11-2018 till date and was chatting with 5 other Document Writers in front of the Sub Registrar office at the time of the raid. Further, at the request of the Inspector-5, he produced Rs.8,760/- and the Inspector-5 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.
4. **Sri Poorna Suryaprakasa Rao:** On examination he stated that he is a Document Writer for 6 years and he gets registered 1 or 2 Documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Nuzvidu. The Sub Registrar Office, Nuzvidu and their staff are insisting the Document Writers collect excess amount as bribe from the Claimants on the Document Value for registration and accordingly, on their instructions the amount is being collected by him and same is being handed over to the Sub Registrar and to their staff, after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 19-11-2018 he came to the Sub Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the I/c Sub Registrar and her staff which was collected from 16-11-2018 till date and was chatting with 5 other Document Writers in front of the Sub Registrar office at the time raid. Further, at the request of the Inspector-5, he produced Rs.5,000/- and the Inspector-5 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.

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6. **Sri Mohammed Ali Abbas:** On examination he stated that he is a Document Writer from 1995 and he gets registered 2 or 4 Documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Nuzvidu. The Sub Registrar Office, Nuzvidu and their staff are insisting the Document Writers to collect excess amount as bribe from the Claimants on the Document Value for registration and accordingly on their instructions, the amount is being collected by him and same is being handed over to Sub Registrar and to their staff, after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 19-11-2018 he came to the Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the I/c Sub Registrar and her staff which was collected from 16-11-2018 till date and was chatting with 5 other Document Writers in front of the Sub Registrar office at the time of raid. Further, at the request of the Inspector-5, he produced Rs.6,200/- and the Inspector-5 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.

The G.S-I is the overall administrative in-charge as Sub-Registrar was on medical leave.

As per Circular Memo No.XI/3945/07, Dt.02-05-2007 office if the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad, it is informed that several complainants have come to the notice of the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, that private persons are being engaged in Sub-Registrar Offices and also informed that as and when such cases are noticed, through an enquiry, punishment to the concerned head of the office will be extremely severe. If anyone is adopting such methods, they may be dispensed with such persons immediately.

CHARGE-II

That on the date of surprise check i.e. 19-11-2018 Government Servant Smt. Kochcharlakota Usha Rani, Senior Assistant I/C Sub-Registrar in collusion with the remaining staff i.e., Smt Maddala Manjula Jr.Asst, Sri Sri Ramanendu Jr.Asst and Smt Boddu Vijaya Mery Office sub ordinate facilitated the Private Persons i.e. Document Writers-cum-Brokers to collect illegal bribe amount of Rs.47,500/- on their behalf from the parties inside the Sub Registrar office, Nuzvid, Krishna District who came for their Registration work etc.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

During the course of Surprise Check on 19-11-2018, Six Document Writers were found at the entrance of the Sub-Registrar Office. Then the Inspector, after ascertaining the names of the said Six persons and they are identified as Document Writers. Then the Inspector got checked the Document Writers with Mediators help and found the un-accounted amounts and the details are as follows.

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| | Rao, 47 years, Brahmin, Meerjapuram, Nuzvidu, Krishna District. | |
| 3 | Sri Ayyanki Ravikumar S/o Ramulu, 38 years, Madiga, Shobanapuram, Agiripalli Mandal, Krishna District. | Rs.8,760-00 |
| 4 | Sri Poorna Suryaprakasa Rao S/o Kutumba Rao, 65 Years, Brahmin, Seethanagaram, Tadepalli mandal, Guntur District. | Rs.5,000-00 |
| 5 | Sri Katrenipati Venkateswara Rao S/o Nageswara Rao, 30 Years, Kapu, Krishna Rao Palem, near cheemalapadu, A.Konduru Mandal, Krishna District. | Rs.4,000-00 |
| 6 | Sri Mohammed Ali Abbas S/o late Mohammed Ali, 50 years, Muslim, document writer, door No.18-41, Ammavari thota, Nuzvidu, Krishna District. | Rs.6,200-00 |
| | Total | 47,500-00 |

Then the Inspector examined the Document Writers in presence of the Mediators.

An amount of Rs.47,500/- was found in the possession of the Six Document Writers who were found present in front of the Sub-Registrar Office, Nuzvidu and it was seized by the Inspector for the purpose of further enquiry.

The Inspector secured the following witnesses and recorded their statements:

1. Sri Kurapati Nagaraju S/o Subba Rao, Caste Kamma, 48 years ward No.3, door No.1/27, Suryapalli Village, Musunuru Mandal of Krishna District.
2. Sri Marada Lakshmana Rao S/o Narasimhulu, 69 years, Opp; LIC office, employees Colony, Nuzvidu, Krishna District.
3. Sri Pamarthy Seetharamaiah S/o Koteswara Rao, 56 Years, Door No.2-107, China Agiripalli Village, Agiripalli Mandal, Krishna District.
4. Sri Pamarthi Jagan Mohan Rao S/o Koteswara Rao, 48 Years, Caste: Gowda, China Agiripally Village, Agiripalli Mandal, Krishna district.
5. Sri Pydi Jagga Rao S/o China Obaiah, 52 Years, Caste Kalinga, Near Varala company, Kadrika gollagudem, Meerjapuram, Nuzvidu Mandal, Krishna District

On examination they all stated that they came to O/o the Sub Registrar, Nuzvidu to get their Documents Registered and approached the Document Writers to prepare Documents on that they asked them to pay an additional percentage of money on the Property Value apart from their routine fees. When they expressed their inability to pay such huge amount, the Document Writers told that they have to pay bribe amounts to the i/c Sub Registrar as well as to her staff for registering the Documents. As there was no other way, they gave mamools to get register the Documents and etc facts.

As per Circular Memo No.X2/10708/94, dt.30-12-1997 of the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P. Hyderabad it was instructed that in all cases of surprise checks where un-accounted cash is found with the employee, in the premises of the office or with any unauthorized person in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained as bribe from the parties. Therefore the onus of disproving the same will be on Govt. Servant-1 Smt.Kochcharlakota Usha Rani, Senior Asst. (I/C Sub-Registrar) O/o the Sub-Registrar, Nuzvidu, Krishna District. Hence, the unaccounted cash of Rs.47,500/- seized from the possession of the document writers must be presumed to be the cash collected as bribe/illegal amount intended Smt Kocharlakota Usha Rani, Senior Asst. (I/C Sub-Registrar) and other staff (G.S.-2, G.S.-3 and G.S.-4) of SRO Office, Nuzvid.

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3 (1) & (2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus the Govt. Servant is liable for departmental action for major penalty under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991.

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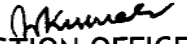

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- 01 Mediators Report drafted in the Office of Joint Sub Registrar, Nuzvidu located at Door No.13-53, Kanakam complex back side, Vissannapet Road, Nuzvidu Krishna District on 19-11-2019
- 02 Sri Kurapati Nagaraju S/o Subba Rao, 48 years ward No.3, door No.1/27, Suryapalli Village, Musunuru Mandal of Krishna District
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- 07 Circular Memo No.X1/3945/07, dt. 02-05-2007 office of the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P. Hyderabad.
- 08 Circular Memo No.X2/10708/94, dt. 30-12-1997 office of the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P. Hyderabad.

If any Documents found to be relevant will be furnished during the enquiry.

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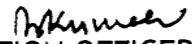
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- 01 Sri Khan Wazeed S/o Vahadullah khan, 44 years, Muslim, near RTC bus stand (Banginapalli thota), Nuzvidu Krishna District.
- 02 Sri Urakaranam Venkata Ramana Murthy S/o Venkata Appa Rao, 47 Years, Brahmin, Meerjapuram, Nuzvidu, Krishna District.
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- 13 Sri Ilapogu Gopinath S/o I.Peraiah, 24 Years Jr. Asst. O/o Superintending Engineer, Operation, APSPDCL, Vijayawada R/o Door No.9-17/1, Muppala Village, Chandralapadu Mandal, Krishna District (Mediator-II)
- 14 Sri G. Kennedy, Inspector-5, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada

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